

WANBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Wanborough Parish Council held on **23rd March 2015** in Wanborough Village Hall, High Street, Wanborough at 19.30.

PRESENT: Mr G Sumner (Chairman), Mr C Offer (Vice-Chairman), Mr D Hayward, Mr C Hayes, Mr W J Smith, Mr P Warensjo, Mrs D Stalker, Mr D Kevern, Mr B Biggs
Mr A Bennett, Mr R Whitfield

In Attendance Mrs A J Raymond (Clerk), 5 members of Public.

- 1 Apologies: None
- 2 Declaration of interest: David Hayward and Colin Hayes declared a personal interest in item 7.2 as they each rent an allotment. Joe Smith declared a prejudicial interest in items 7.4.1 and 9.4.1, and Darren Kevern declared a prejudicial interest in items 7.4.1 and 9.4.1.
3. Minutes: The minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd February 2015 were circulated to all Parish Councillors. Joe Smith raised a query in relation to item 9.6; Clerk was asked to add details of the e-mails for point 9.6 to the minutes so that they can be agreed at the next meeting.
4. Adoption of Terms of Reference for Committees, Planning and Finance, Hooper's Field and Recreation, Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments
Parish Council voted to adopt the new Terms of Reference for Committees. 10 Councillors voted in favour, 1 voted against; it was therefore agreed to adopt the new Terms of Reference.

Meeting was adjourned for Public Questions

A resident asked for confirmation of the terms of the lease on the land next to the Church. Gary Sumner confirmed that Parish Council have a long term lease on this land.

A resident asked why Parish Council do not feel that Hooper's Field is a viable location for the Post Office. Gary Sumner confirmed that a shop at Hooper's Field would not survive at the location, the Post Office did not support the location, the site is unlit and security would be a huge problem.

A resident asked why Parish Council did not consider purchasing the Post Office in its current location. Gary Sumner confirmed that this was never an option available to Parish Council.

A resident raised concerns in relation to the proposed solar panel site at Horpit crossroads. Her concerns included:-

- *The landowner did not have the decency to inform them about their proposal; the first they heard about the proposal was when they received the newsletter, which doesn't give them long to respond.*
- *Due to the size of the solar panels it will be difficult to screen from neighbouring properties; her property looks over the site.*
- *The solar panels will be very visible as you enter the village.*
- *Horpit crossroads floods regularly and putting solar panels on this site will make this problem worse.*
- *The proposal does not enhance the village in any way.*

Gary Sumner confirmed that Parish Council will be discussing the proposed sites later in the meeting, but suggested that the resident ensures that they send their own comments to SBC before the deadline.

5. Report from Ward Councillor

Andrew Bennett confirmed that things are now winding down for the elections. He confirmed that the Secretary of State has formally agreed to merge the two fire authorities.

He confirmed that SBC's Local Plan 2026 will be formally agreed at SBC Full Council meeting on 26th March and the CiL will also be approved at the same time.

6 PLANNING

6.1 To consider Planning Applications received:

S/15/0290 – Yew Tree House, High Street – Erection of detached garage with ancillary accommodation. Parish Council raised no objection.

S/15/0370 – 58 Church Road – Extension and alteration to existing dwelling including raising of ridge height and the addition of dormer windows and integral garage (retrospective revision to permission S/13/1119). Parish Council objected to the plans for the following reasons:-

- The proposed increase in the ridge height of the dwelling,
- The visual impact on the Conservation Area and surrounding area.

S/15/0418 – 64 Church Road – Two storey side and front extension with single storey rear extension and landscaping work. Parish Council raised no objection.

6.2 To notify the Schedule to the Permission/Consent received:

S/LBC/15/0093 – Southview Farmhouse – Installation of a new timber window.

S/14/1845/RM – Wymering, 7 Southdown – Erection of 6no dormer windows, integral double garage with accommodation over and relocated vehicular access.

6.3 To notify the Schedule to the refusal received.

None

7 COMMITTEE AND REPRESENTATIVES

7.1 Hooper's Field and Recreation

7.1.1 Committee meeting held on Monday 10th March 2015; minutes have been circulated to all Councillors. Colin Offer stated that the main point from the meeting was that as part of the proposed expansion plans for Hooper's Field it was agreed to review the entrance and parking. After a discussion it was agreed that Parish Council should submit one application for both the expansion of Hooper's Field and the car parking.

7.2.2 Quote for new goal posts at Hooper's Field at a total cost of £735. Parish Council unanimously agreed to the cost of the new goal posts.

7.2.3 Quote for new headboard for Basketball post at Lower Recreation Field. Clerk confirmed that she has been unable to source a headboard similar to the one that is already there so she is currently trying to find out if a different type or make will be compatible.

7.2.4 Quote to replace green seats at Lower Recreation Field, prices range between £360 and £750. A suggestion was put forward to ask residents if they would like to donate a seat in memory of someone. Parish Council agreed. *ACTION Clerk to put an article in the Lyden Magazine.*

7.2 Footpaths, Village Maintenance and Allotments

7.2.1 Committee meeting held on Monday 16th March 2015; minutes have been circulated to Councillors, however Clerk confirmed that she had not received them and Bob Biggs confirmed he would forward them on. Bob Biggs highlighted main points from the meeting:

- Footpaths around allotments are becoming hazardous. Issue of health and safety was discussed and it was agreed that allotment holders should be reminded of

their responsibility to maintain footpaths. *ACTION Bob Biggs to put a notice at allotment site*

- Green Lane – Gary Sumner confirmed that the developer of Ducksbridge, once they receive consent from SBC, will carry out work on Green Lane.

7.2.2 Footpath 12, next to Pond Farm. After a discussion Parish Council agreed that SBC Rights of Way Officer should be contacted to gain his advice on footpath. *ACTION Clerk to arrange meeting.*

7.3 Wanborough Village Hall Management Committee

7.3.1 Committee meeting held on Monday 16th March 2015. Colin Hayes stated that the committee have agreed for Parish Council to install broadband at the Village Hall, provided it doesn't interfere with Playgroup's service. Playgroup are considering a permanent marquee-style covered area at the rear of the Village Hall. Weeds around the edge of the building; Clerk asked to add this to Lee's list of jobs. *ACTION Clerk*

7.4 Planning and Finance

7.4.1 (*Joe Smith and Darren Kevern left the meeting while this item was discussed*) Proposed Solar Panel Sites were discussed. Parish Council agreed to object to both solar panel sites (at Horpitt and Inlands Farm) for the following reasons:-

- Visual impact on AONB and Conservation Area.
- Suitability of site due to the gradient and close proximity to the entrance of the village.
- The proposed Southern Connector road and Canal cross a section of the land.
- Flooding risk.
- No technical information provided.

Parish Council agreed to support the sound barrier solar panels on the A419 on the basis that both sides of the road are installed at the same time, and that prior to installation an extensive assessment is carried out to ensure they work as a sound barrier.

ACTION Clerk to circulate letter to SBC before submission.

7.4.2 WVV Consortium of Parish Councils meeting held on 18th March 2015. Gary Sumner attended the meeting and confirmed that now SBC's Local Plan has been adopted it was agreed that Parish Councils will need to submit their own comments for the upcoming applications, but will be able to use the resources from the consortium as and when required.

7.4.3 The next Ridgeway Liaison Group meeting is due to be held on 30th March 2015 at 11.30am at SBC offices. Gary Sumner, Andrew Bennett, Bob Biggs and Colin Hayes agreed to attend meeting.

7.4.4 Sam Howell (SBC Forward Planning) has provided an update on the New Eastern Villages Major Highways Infrastructure. Details circulated to all councillors.

7.4.5 Stanley Close development. SBC have, in error, agreed plans as part of the landscaping conditions which has resulted in Taylor Wimpey installing the external fence on the footpath side of the ditch and trees. After a discussion it was agreed that Andrew Bennett would request a meeting with SBC and Taylor Wimpey to discuss the fence, inspection of the bund, and onsite and offsite drainage works. *ACTION Andrew Bennett*

8. **FINANCE**

8.1 Financial Statement

The monthly statement was circulated. It was proposed by Colin Hayes and seconded by Roger Whitfield that "The Financial Statement be accepted, the payment of accounts be endorsed and the bills for payment be accepted and paid, the petty cash expenditure for March 2015 endorsed and the transfers to cover March 2015 expenditure be approved."

8.2 Monthly Cash Flow Statement

The monthly cash flow statement was circulated. It was proposed by Colin Offer and seconded by Colin Hayes that the statement be accepted.

9. OTHER**9.1 Transport**

9.1.1 Nothing to report

9.2 Grants

9.2.1 Grant application from Wanborough Cricket Club for £550 for the purchase of the U11's cricket team kit. Parish Council unanimously agreed to the grant of £550.

9.3 Flooding

9.3.1 Flood Management Meeting held on 19th March 2015; minutes circulated to all councillors. The main point from the meeting was that the funding from the Environment Agency for the flood mitigation work on Kite Hill, Rotten Row and High Street has been delayed until financial year 2016/17.

9.5 Neighbourhood Plan

9.5.1 The Neighbourhood Plan Committee have received 11 submissions from landowners. The committee are now considering these applications as well as starting to draft the content for the draft Neighbourhood Plan.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

All other correspondence since the last meeting on 23rd February 2015 was available at the meeting.

Meeting closed at 21.50

Date of next meeting Monday 27th April 2015